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## Helms Shift Not Due To Rift, Kissinger Says

Presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger denied today a report in yesterday's Star-News that a policy rift between him and CIA Director Richard M. Helms is a factor behind Helms' impending resignation as intelligence director.

Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary, said Kissinger indicated in one of his calls to the White House from Paris that he was appalled by The Star-News ac-

count and branded it "directly contrary to the truth."

Helms' departure has been reported by authoritative sources in the administration, who have indicated that its official announcement is being held up so Helms can decide whether to accept another as yet unspecified post.

Efforts to reach Helms, whose departure was rumored in intelligence circles early last week, have been unavailing.

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